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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PCI PRESIDENT VISITS MALTA

1. THE MALTESE PRESS REPORTED ON MAY 15 THAT DOTT. GIANFRANCO PAJETTA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF THE ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, AND PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI), HAD ARRIVED IN MALTA FOR A TWO DAY VISIT "AS A GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA". DOTT PAJETTA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DOTT. NINO MANNINI, DESCRIBED AS "SECTION SECRETARY OF THE PCI IN PALERMO".

2. WHILE IN MALTA, PAJETTA AND MANNINI STAYED AT SAN ANTON PLACE. THEY MET WITH MALTA LABOR PARTY OFFICIALS THE EVENING OF THEIR ARRIVAL, AND THEY WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE A FORMAL DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF BEFORE THEY RETURN TO ITALY. THEY WERE WELCOMED AT THE AIRPORT BY DR. JOSEPH BRINCAT, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE MLP FOR PARTY AFFAIRS, THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE ITALIAN

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EMBASSY, AND OTHER MALTESE OFFICIALS.

3. ON ARRIVAL, DOTT. PAJETTA WAS QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT THE CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY AND MALTA ON THE POST-1979 ERA SHOULD BE A CONCLUSIVE ONE FOR THE THREE COUNTRIES, AS IT WAS NOT ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF MALTA, BUT ALSO OF INTEREST "TO

ITALY AND FRANCE ON THE ONE SIDE, AND THE ARAB WORLD ON THE OTHER."

4. DOTT. PAJETTA ALSO STATED THAT HIS PARTY (PCI) WAS "VERY MUCH PREOCCUPIED BY THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN", WHICH WAS "TURBULENT AND CONFLICTING". HE ADDED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE MALTA "COULD BE NEUTRAL BECAUSE, BY ITS NEUTRALITY, IT WOULD BE SAFEGUARDING ITS OWN SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT OF ITS NEIGHBORS" (SIC).

5. COMMENT: THIS PCI VISIT FOLLOWS TWO RECENT ONES (IN MARCH AND APRIL) BY MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, INCLUDING THE PSI SECRETARY GENERAL DOTT. BENEDETTO CRAXI. THE PSI REPRESENTATIVES ALSO WERE FULL OF PRAISE FOR PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S MEDITERRANEAN POLICIES WHILE THEY WERE IN MALTA. LAINGEN

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